

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT APPROP SUBCOMMITTEE ON CORRECTIONS AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN STEVE VICK**, on **January 12, 1999** at
8:00 A.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Steve Vick, Chairman (R)
Sen. Arnie Mohl, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Chris Christiaens (D)
Rep. Stan Fisher (R)
Sen. Dale Mahlum (R)
Rep. Red Menahan (D)
Sen. Debbie Shea (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Skip Culver, Legislative Branch
Mary LaFond, OBPP
Linsey Mortensen, Committee Secretary

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and
discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: Department of Justice
- Justice Information System
- Criminal Investigation
Bureau
- Motor Vehicle Division
- Law Enforcement Academy

HEARING ON JUSTICE INFORMATION SYSTEM

Informational Testimony: Art Pembroke, administrator of the
Justice Information Systems division, talked about the issues the
department will be facing, and different systems
used. **EXHIBIT(jih08a01)**

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Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

Senator Shea asked where most of the training for the systems takes place. **Art Pembroke** said that the training does take place in MT, some regional training in Billings, and some in the more remote areas. Department of Justice is responsible for the training.

Representative Fisher asked how much a salary package was on one of the employees. **Jandee May** answered that the grade level varies, but that the programmers and such would be a about \$40,000. (Representative Fisher made some comments about going to a contract basis.)

Chairman Vick asked why there is a difference in FTE from 27-34.

Art Pembroke replied that they have re-organization of the division and they brought in what used to be the identification bureau(record checks and finger print). **Chairman Vick** asked if this is where the \$50,000 in savings has come from. **Pembroke and Jandee May** explained that they consolidated the computer package, which brought about a net savings of \$50,000.

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HEARING ON CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS BUREAU

Informational Testimony: **Mike Batista**, administrator for the division of Criminal Investigation. He gave an overview of the division. **EXHIBIT(jih08a02) EXHIBIT(jih08a03) EXHIBIT(jih08a04)**

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Proponents Testimony: **Jerry Williams**, police officer in Butte-Silver Bow, representing the MT police protective association. **Bill Fliner** representing MT sheriff's and peace officers association.

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Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

Senator Mohl asked if you could get sexual offenders page on the Internet. **Mike Batista** replied that a number of states have pages on the Internet but Montana does not. (Mike talked about he different levels of sex offenders and what degree of information has to be provided.)

Representative Fisher asked about the funds used for opening the office in Billings. **Mike Batista** replied that any increase was associated with the moving into the new Department of Justice building.

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HEARING ON MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION

Informational Testimony: **Dean Roberts**, administrator of the Motor Vehicle Division, gave an overview and requests of the department. **EXHIBIT(jih08a05) EXHIBIT(jih08a06)**

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Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

Senator Mohl asked what it would take to go to one license plate and how much money would you save. **Mr. Roberts** stated that you could save one to two million. (Discussion occurred between several people about going to one license plate)

Senator Mahlum asked why there is such a difference in licensing fees. **Mr. Roberts** replied that the cost depends on what price the manufacturer states as the retail price. **Senator Mahlum** asked if kids had to be 14 1/2 to be eligible for drivers education. **Mr. Roberts** replied that that was correct, but they had to be 15 before getting their license or 16 if they did not take drivers' ed.

(**Senator Christiaens** and **Dean Roberts** discussed the electronic filing and leans on vehicles.)

Senator Christiaens asked about titles on motorcycles. **Mr. Roberts** replied that they have had titles for about eight years. (discussion on trading older motorcycles and on the ID's for prisoners)

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Chairman Vick asked if it would be easier to go to another state and see what kind of equipment or system they do. **Mr. Roberts** said that they have looked at doing that, but if you don't really know what you want than it can be more costly. **Chairman Vick** asked if the money would be a maintenance cost for the imaging equipment. **Mr. Dean** replied yes, and gave some more information on it. **Chairman Vick** asked when would the system be out dated. **Mr. Dean** replied that it would not be out dated it would just be added on to.

Senator Mohl asked if the new proposal was brought to the governor. **Mary LaFond** replied that it was, but that they did not find it necessary to have.

(Discussion on who gets four year or eight year licenses.)

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HEARING ON LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY

Informational Testimony: Gregory Noose, administrator for the Law Enforcement Academy, gave overview of the academy.

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Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

discussion of a violence against women program and source of grant money.

{Tape : 4; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 24.5 - 27.5}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:01 A.M.

REP. STEVE VICK, Chairman

LINSEY MORTENSEN, Secretary

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